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(C) On July 17, Poloff delivered reftel points to Kamran Akhtar, Director of Disarmament for the MFA, urging implementation of the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL) cargo inspection provision of UNSCR 1803. Poloff also informed Akhtar that ConGen Karachi already provided this same information to the Chief Customs Collector - South and the Director General of Ports and Shipping - South. Akhtar pointed out that Pakistan was giving more than what was being asked by UNSCR 1803, noting that Pakistan remained committed to the various mandated inspections, including those on IRISL cargo, but that these constant checks were hurting Pakistan economically. He noted that due to these inspections, Iranian banks are not being as compliant with Pakistani law as they have been in the past. Given the current economic environment, Akhtar noted that Pakistan was giving more than it was being asked or should be expected to give.

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